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JANUARY, 1869.

Entering upon the labors of a new year, we trust our friends will rejoice to know, that we are about inaugurating a work in China, similar to that in which the Society has been engaged in India. For a long time we have received appeals from that far off land, and felt they should not be unheeded. In the report of the Albany Auxiliary, given in this number, is found a sketch of the appointments for this field. The continued and increasing interest of our friends at home, together with the steady progress and success of the work abroad, give us abundant reasons for thanksgiving for the past, and confidence that our efforts, however humble, if made in faith and with prayer, will be accepted of Him whose blessing alone "giveth the increase."

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

REPORTS FROM OUR MISSIONARIES.

INDIA.

Calcutta.

Extracts from the Journal of Miss Brittan.

NATIVE TEACHER.

Among my very best native teachers is Rachel, who is supported by the Auxiliary at Concord, N. H. She is truly earnest in her work, and tries to lead her pupils to Jesus. As she is young and unmarried, she lives in the house with us, and as she has a happy disposition and is a good worker, she is a most effieient helper to me.

I have just heard that she has fever, which is unusually prevalent now, the heat having been so severe and protracted.

DEATH OF RACHEL.

August 26th.—I have just received such sad news; Rachel, my interpreter, who always aided me in my zenana teaching, is dead. I can only say, "the will of the Lord be done," but, oh! it is a sore trial, an irreparable loss to me. She lived in the house with us, and was to me as my right hand. Without exception, she was one of the best Bengalis that I have ever met, and as she was always faithful, cheerful and happy, every one in the house loved her. She was an earnest worker, and tried to lead her pupils to Jesus. I feel sure that Rachel was God's child, and as the Christian natives here are exposed to so many trials and temptations, I cannot mourn for her when I think of her now safe home in glory. One week ago to-day, Rachel complained of fever, and asked me to allow her to go home to her mother for a few days' rest. I did so; the following note, received this morning from her brother-in-law, tells the sad story:

"MADAM,—I am very sorry to inform you that Rachel, your late assistant, is no more of this world. She departed this world at two o'clock A.M. this day, and is now before her Master and Saviour, Jesus. Her mortal remains will be interred in the Short's Bazar burial ground, at five o'clock P.M. to-day.

"Yours in Christ, JOGERT CHUNDER GANGOOB."

August 27th.—We all went last evening to Rachel's funeral. As there is among the Hindoos so little regard for human life, we tried to convey a lesson to them in this event. In the evening we all, missionaries and native teachers, went to the house of death, where a few others had gathered.

We there heard that Rachel's illness was not considered dangerous until a few hours before her death. Though delirious most of this time, there were intervals when she manifested a consciousness of her condition, and was in a most happy frame of mind. Christ was all in all to her. After our arrival the coffin was closed, a pall thrown over it, and, borne on the shoulders of men, it was carried to the graveyard. The native preacher there met us, and we consigned her body to the dust with words of Christian faith and prayer.

The poor mother's heart was almost broken. As we turned to leave, she threw herself on the grave in a paroxysm of grief; but her Christian faith came to her comfort, and repeating the words, "Yes, I shall see her again," she grew quite calm, and quietly got up and walked towards home. How sure a support is the Almighty Arm in such times of sorrow! How sweet the comfort God's Spirit affords, even to the weak faith of these Hindoos!

Extracts from the Journal of MISS HOOK.

A BROTHER'S INTEREST.

April 30th.—One of the most charming women I teach is a widow of sixteen, who is as pretty as can be. She is very affectionate, sitting at my feet while I teach her, and looking into my face with her large, melting black eyes. She is learning English, and reads Bengali beautifully. She has nearly finished "Line upon Line," and can answer any question relating to what she has read. Her brother, who speaks English, came into the room the last time I was there. He is very proud of his sister, and said, "She has a better head than any of the young men in college with me." He lamented loudly the custom that "shuts up the women like birds in a cage." I replied: "Then why do you not change the custom?" "What can I do?" he said; "all the young men would make the change, but the old men would not submit to it." There seems to be a great turning from the old customs in the minds of the young people. Whether it will result in any permanent, beneficial change, remains to be seen.

OPENING IN A LANE.

I went to a lane last week, where two new houses had lately been opened. In the first there was a woman about twenty years old, who really knew nothing. She had learned in this short time the first simple Bengali letters, but could not hold a pencil or form a letter. When I came out, a babu, who had been leaning against the door, asked if I would come and teach his wife; he said she was a Bengali student, but he wanted her to be taught the Bible, and also to work. Before I had crossed the street, he ran after me with another babu, who wished me to

teach his wife, also in the same lane. They said they could pay but one rupee. Our rule is, that they shall pay one and a half rupees for Bengali and work.

May 8th.—I have been again to the neighborhood of the two babus. One was so ill that he could not see me; the other was very anxious to have his wife learn needle-work, but had been advised not to let her read. I told him our rules did not permit us to teach one without the other, upon which he immediately said: "Well, teach her both," and agreed, without hesitation, to give me the one rupee and a half.

KNOWLEDGE OF THE ATONEMENT.

July 6th.—In my work to-day, I felt greatly encouraged. One woman knows all about Christ and his atoning work, and has often told me that she prays in Christ's name. I tell her one of the miracles of Christ every time I go to her, and she seems much interested. I am hoping she will ask for a Bible. I do not feel it will be wise to urge it upon her, for sometimes the other members of the family take alarm when they see a Bible, while they make no objections to "Line upon Line," and with that for our text-book. we can bring into our teaching all that is necessary for salvation.

THE INHUMANITY OF HEATHENISM.

Miss Brittan has written you of Rachel's death, and of the Christian order and propriety observed at her funeral. A sad scene I wituessed a few days after, presented, in painful contrast, the horrors of heathenism. Last week, as I went in one of my houses, I heard a moaning, which proceeded, as I found, from a poor woman lying on the floor, with nothing under her but a piece of matting. She was dying of cholera, but there was not a creature in sight. I went on through a half open door, and there sat a man eating his rice. I asked, "Why is that woman left alone?" He said, "She is dying." I went still farther on, and asked a woman the same question, she said, "She is given over." I was so shocked that I insisted she should go and stay with her. I left her there, but do not doubt that she went away as soon as my back was turned. The next time I went, I inquired for her, and was told that she died soon after I left, and was burned up. "Like brutes they live, and like brutes they die."

INSTRUCTION FROM A HUSBAND.

August 30th.—I visited, to day, a house which was opened a few months ago. The "Bo" (eldest daughter-in-law) is an old-fashioned looking little creature, much older than the most of them. As it was a holiday, the babu was at home, and manifested great interest in his wife's instruction. As he considers himself a good English scholar, we made the agreement that he should teach her English, and the teacher instruct her in needle-work daily, and that I should come once a week to examine her attainments. The question then arose what book should be used. I presented "Line upon Line." With a gracious smile, he said: "You know we do not believe in this." I replied, "I suppose not; but an intelligent man like you should be willing to examine everything, that you may be able to judge which is the right way." He thought that quite sensible, and "Line upon Line" has been our text-book ever since. To-day I told her I wanted her to pray in Christ's name, to which she replied, "I do." I was much surprised, but could not doubt her, as there is a sincerity in her manner which forbids suspicion. As she walked by my side going out, she said to me, "I have no regard for our way."

SATISFACTORY WORK.

Sept. 3d.—I had great satisfaction in my work to-day. I visited a little school which one of the teachers had collected at my suggestion a few weeks ago. There are five children and two women. Two read quite nicely, and two, who commenced with the letters, spell in words of three and four letters. One little girl of four, could spell in words of four letters, counted to twenty distinctly, and recited, perfectly, all three verses of the "Happy Land." I have noticed that the children are quite bright and quick, but as they grow older their minds become obtuse. I think it must be that, shut up in the narrow walls of their courts, they find little to excite thought, and their minds run utterly to waste.

R— and Villages near Calcutta.

Extracts from the Journal of MRS. NICHOLS.

THE HEAVY RAINS.

June 18th.—The rains, which have been unusually severe, have

been a great hindrance to our work at R—. Although they only commenced thirteen days ago, it is said that already the fall of rain equals what we had last year to the end of August. The other day I found one of the narrow gullies quite impassable from the quantity of mud and water which filled it, and was oblige I to give up my visits in two houses. A number of little girls who attend one of the schools, promised to throw down bricks for me to cross, but, after attempting in vain to get half way, I remembered my fall last year into the black mud, and finally gave up in despair.

This morning Miss Joseph accompanied me to R—. As we passed along, the country in many places looked like a vast sea, with only here and there a few palm trees and huts standing out of the water. The oldest inhabitants say they do not remember such a season as this, the rains have been so violent and of such long continuance. It seems to be more destructive than anything, for houses which withstood the last two cyclones have fallen down, literally melting away from the constant wet.

ENCOURAGING INTEREST.

On going to one the houses, I asked the woman if she would read to me, and was told that she had been obliged to give up reading awhile on account of the illness of her child. After a little conversation with her, I turned to leave, when she eagerly detained me, saying, "Have you brought that book with you? Will you not read that story again?" This is the same woman who was so interested when I read to her "The Old, Old Story," a little poem which has just been translated into the Bengali.

How little do we know how much real good we accomplish, or by lost opportunities how much we leave undone. It seems as if we often make mistakes, and call evil good, and good evil. What appears outwardly so promising and flourishing, may, so far as the training of souls is concerned, be productive of little good, and on the other hand, a word spoken carelessly and inadvertently, may prove the starting point in a soul's existence. I think the real heart of missionary work is hidden, and this thought should make us humble. But we may feel assured that, if God has given us the desire to work for Him, He has some-

thing for us to accomplish if we only labor in strong faith and hope.

NEW SCHOOL AT K—.

July 7th.—My sister has charge of two schools, one of which at K— was recently opened. I visited it to-day and found it in very good order, and considering it has been opened only for so short a time, the pupils have progressed wonderfully. As the girls are so young, and as yet unmarried, they have a pundit or teacher who is a hard-working man, quite an unusual thing for a Bengali. We gave this man a lower salary than usual, and he asked to have it increased. I told him I would do so, as he had taken so much pains with his scholars, but I hoped he would not cease to strive as he had done. I was astonished at the independence of his answer, "Then, Madam, you can dismiss me if I do." An independent, spirited man is such a rare thing here; it almost seems as if living in this country one grows cowardly.

IMPORTANCE OF INSTRUCTING CHILDREN.

I said to Miss Brittan yesterday I thought there was work at R— for our whole mission force. It grieves me very often that the work cannot be more extended there; but we must have patience that in time it will be made right. I feel that the school work is very important, and if thoroughly carried on, we do not know what grand results may follow in the distant future. I quite agree with Dr. Norman Macleod that the most important part of our work is with the children, as far more may be done with them than with the grown people.

Last Sabbath morning, having no class in Sunday-school, I took the opportunity of visiting two of Miss G—'s schools. She has three schools in which she teaches a Scripture lesson every day. It is much better if one can do this, instead of merely superintending several native teachers who give daily instruction. You would have enjoyed seeing the children and hearing each of them repeat a different text, and answering in such an intelligent way all the questions that were asked them.

SUPERSTITION OF THE NATIVES.

I think many at home would be astonished to hear of the absurd prejudices the natives have. Many are of opinion that the

dreadful cyclones are caused by the railways which occasion such a commotion in the atmosphere.

A lady told me that a favorite dog who always sat on the coachman's box when she drove, was thrown from the carriage and killed. On reaching home the servant refused to touch the animal even before she had been asked. The lady was obliged to wait until dark, and then give the gardener a rupee, to dig a hole in the garden. Even after the lady had placed the dog in it, he refused to throw earth upon it.

In one of the zenanas where my pupils listen attentively, even to Bible-reading, strange to say, none of them will touch me, excepting the youngest "bo," and she will only do it when no one else is by. Even the servants in that house, when passing me, draw their sarees close round them. I am happy to say this is a very rare case, and is owing to the peculiar caste to which this family belong.

Allahabad.

Extracts of letters from Miss Bond.

COMMENCEMENT AT ALLAHABAD.

I arrived at Allahabad on the 8th of May, and was so anxious to visit the ladies of the zenana, that I determined to go that very day. I found them as much pleased to see me as I was to see them. For some time I taught only in one house, with several pupils, but at present I have six families, and find that they take interest in all I tell them. I think zenana work will increase very much in a few years in Allahabad, although, at present, openings are slow. It is a large station and one of very great importance.

EVIDENCES OF INTEREST.

I teach one little girl of about five years of age, who is a bright, intelligent child. One day I asked her, if she was afraid of me. "No, I am not afraid now," she answered, "but I was at first."

Another pupil asked me a few days ago to tell her which was the true religion, as she wanted to believe in that. It is certainly a great encouragement when they begin to feel interested in things concerning their salvation. We must be careful at first

not to press our belief too suddenly upon them, but we are by degrees bringing it before them. Most of my scholars are only commencing their alphabets and rudimentary studies, but one family can read well. We read "Peep of Day" and are getting on very well, excepting when the old mother, who is not learning, comes and sits near me and makes a great noise. One young girl is making a pair of slippers for her brother, which she is most anxious to finish and present to him.

A few days ago, a pupil asked me if I had Bibles printed in Bengali. When I told her I had, and asked if she wanted one, she answered, "Yes." The next time I went to her, I took her the Gospel of St Matthew, and read a part of it, which she read after me.

As I go to their houses at an early hour, I meet some of the babus. Yesterday, one of them remained listening in an adjoining room, during my lesson. I was a little timid, fearing he might object to what I was teaching, but after I had finished he conversed with me for a long time. His first question was, "Have you many scholars now?" "Yes," I said, "and your wife has got them all for me." "No, that is not right," he replied, "it is only through God's blessing you have them." He then expressed his thanks in a very hearty manner for my taking the trouble to teach his wife and child.

One day when we had an eclipse of the sun, I found the ladies would not learn, as their superstitions are so great. As I left the house, I saw them packed in their palkys (a closed sedan chair) ready to be carried to the river Ganges to bathe. One of the servants asked me if I did not intend to bathe also.

NEWS OF CALCUTTA PUPILS.

I have received such an affectionate letter from a former pupil in Calcutta, which one would hardly believe could have been written by a Hindoo woman. It gratified me so much that any of these poor creatures had so much love in their hearts for me. I am certain this woman is a true Christian. May the Lord guide her by His counsel, and afterward receive her into glory.

All the pupils I had in Calcutta, were very sorry when I went

to say good-bye to them; two were even in tears. I was much affected and moved to see their unwillingness to part with me, and accepted it as a proof of how much they love and appreciate our work among them. I had very great hopes that all were impressed with Christianity, they were so earnest when I told them Bible stories and explained any part of the Scriptures. The promise is not to the successful laborer, but to the faithful one.

Jeypore.

Extracts of letters from MRS. OCKLETON.

July 10th, 1868.—The school I am thankful to say is getting on very well, notwithstanding the terrific heat and the want of rain. There are now fifty children on the roll, whereas when I began there were only sixteen. I read the Bible to the girls daily, in Hindi, which they seem to enjoy. As soon as the clock strikes eight they cry out, "Now read, Ma'am, Sahib." They seemed very much affected when I read the chapter about Abraham's trial of faith in offering his son Isaac. One of them shed tears. A number of my pupils in a body have asked me to teach them a prayer, which I was delighted to do. They have sometimes visited me, and seeing we have family worship every day, caused them to ask me. His Highness has of late been very anxious to know what is being taught and if the children are becoming Christians.

August 24th.—You know that for many months I have been reading the Bible in Hindi to the girls. As His Highness rather objected to it, I told them, if they would come to my house every Sabbath afternoon I would read the Bible to them and explain it. Nine of them came yesterday at three P. M., when I read and expounded the first three chapters of the Gospel of St. Matthew. We sang a hymn in which all joined, and then had prayer. Before they left at five, I sold them some religious books, which had been given me for this purpose, which they gladly bought at the nominal price of two pice, or one annas. They went away much pleased, and promised they would come every Sabbath. God grant good may come of this small beginning.

BURMAH.

Bassein.

Extracts of letters from Miss Higby.*

COMMENCEMENT OF A GIRLS' SCHOOL.

Mrs. Van Meter and I have been very much occupied in making an application to Government, for a grant-in-aid for our girls' school, with which we hope to connect a boarding department. The school gives fair promise of future success, being aided by the kind friends at home, who wish to undertake the support of pupils. Our new Chapel is already commenced, which is the first and most important step towards the thorough organization of our work. The Karens are anxious to learn, and if our Heavenly Father grants his blessing I hope we may be able to teach many of these girls about the Saviour and their duty to themselves and their people. They like to come and stay with us and learn some of our ways of making home pleasant. If they continue to practise what they learn when they return to the jungle, we shall accomplish our desire.

DESIRE FOR KNOWLEDGE.

There are many interesting cases of the thirst of these people for knowledge. One girl said, "It *hits my heart* that you have left your house and come so far to teach us."

The jungle is full of young men and women who desire to come and study with us, but who are too poor to do so. Only the other day a poor woman, the widow of a native preacher, came bringing her boy twelve years old, to give him to us. She said the last two years he had been at work for her; one year earning twelve and last year thirty-six baskets of rice. "But now," said she, "his heart is set to learn books. I am poor and cannot give him clothes. I do not know how to live without the rice he gets

* A portion of these extracts were kindly sent to us by a member of the "William Dean Mission Band," to whom they were written.

for me, but the Mama may have him." And so the wild jungle boy has come to stay with us.

I will give you an instance to show how the natives prize knowledge, ignorant as they are. They say the English are the kings of wisdom. A Burman boy, Shaw Loo, received a liberal education in America and recently returned to Burmah. He went to Mondclay to see the King, who was so much pleased that one of his own people had learned so many things, that he desired him to remain at court and become his physician.

He promised in return, that he would give him the daughter of his chief noble for a wife, a golden umbrella, large sums of money, and would send him also, as his ambassador to England. Of course such places of profit are rare, and I only repeat it to prove how knowledge is prized.

PAGODA OF BASSEIN.

This morning we went to Shawy Mo-tah, the principal pagoda of Bassein. Its surroundings are very picturesque; the huge griffins thirty feet high guarding the entrance, the moss-grown walls, the draw-bridge, the graceful pillars, each erected by some devotee, and ornamented with colored glass, gay streamers and little tinkling bells, and most beautiful of all, the palm-trees springing from the earth, and holding aloft their proud coronal of leaves. The pagoda was built to guard a hair, that fell from the sacred head of Gaudama. It is a pile of brick and plaster rendered pleasant to look upon, by the green vestment of ferns and mosses clinging to every crevice.

HEATHEN BELIEFS.

On the 18th of August we had a rare sight, a total eclipse of the sun. The natives, hearing it predicted, imagined that evils were to come upon them, the least of which was the end of the world, caused by an inundation. Mrs. Van Meter called all the Karen pupils into the school-room, and, with an orrery, explained the reason of the darkness. As they believe every word we all tell them, they were not frightened, but brought out their pieces of glass and satisfied their curiosity.

The natives used to think the eclipse was owing to a centipede or toad who had swallowed the sun. The girls told me that the

thunder and lightning were caused by the flapping of the wings of a great beast who lived in the clouds. They do not understand a compass, and a magnet seems like working a miracle. They speak of the Bible as "The White Book," and the Sabbath has been called, even by the Christians, "hair-washing day," until recently they have substituted "Rest Day." The rain they call "orphan water;" for they say, "the sea is not its father, nor the river its mother," and, as they do not know where it comes from, they never use it, lest it might work some charm to injure them.

A Karen boy amused us greatly last evening. In his Scripture lesson answering the questions put to him, he explained that one of the Egyptian plagues was musquitoes. After living in a tropical climate I am inclined to believe it is true.

FEAR OF THE DEAD.

A lady in Bassein recently lost a very sweet baby, whom we loved dearly. It died after a few hours illness, and, as I knew our pupils were attached to it, I wished them to see it dressed for the grave. I also thought they might learn with what resignation Christians could bear sorrows. Although these girls were our brightest scholars, and had professed Christianity, I could only prevail upon them to go to the door.

REPORTS FROM BIBLE-READERS.

Smyrna, Turkey.

Report of "ANNA," *Bible-Reader in Smyrna, translated by* MRS. H. J. VAN LENNEP.

SMYRNA, *March* 14, 1868.

MY DEAR CHRISTIAN SISTERS—Although I have always facts enough concerning the Armenians to communicate, yet I am often holding interviews with people of other nationalities and religions. At this time I wish to say something in behalf of the Mohammedans, with whom we are often in communication, as we now live in a different quarter of the city.

Many among the Mohammedans are devout, and all respect devotion in others. They are, as a sect, so opposed to idols and

idolatry that often they have been heard to declare that Protestantism is the faith least removed from theirs, as it is "free from idols." A thirst for more knowledge and instruction, especially in the natural sciences, is decidedly spreading among them, and those who are esteemed learned already see the absurdity of much in their belief. These same persons are often found answering like a foolish child, "As a man of Science I believe thus and so, but as a true Mohammedan the contrary."

The other day a young Mohammedan, who was educated at the Government High School, had a long conversation with us. He had never read the Bible, and yet had heard many scripture histories in a more or less garbled form. He seemed greatly pleased whenever we indicated such portions of his narratives in which we could exactly agree. Indeed, the exceeding respect, and even awe in his manner, whenever he mentioned the name of Jesus or the Prophets of the Old Testament, struck me forcibly. When the conversation turned at one time on God's hatred of sin, I was both grieved and amazed at the absurdity of a certain theory he advanced. He said: "When God's forbearance is exhausted with the wickedness of some particular people or city, He often manifests it by special judgments, as pestilence and earthquakes. The latter are produced in the following manner:— An angel is commissioned to give several vigorous pulls to the tail of the ox that upholds the earth on one of his horns. The poor animal thus worried, tosses his head, and thus produces the most terrible and violent earthquakes." No sooner had he finished this extraordinary narrative, than I endeavored to explain the cause of natural phenomena. "Yes," he quickly replied, "I also have read Natural Philosophy." "Then," I enquired, which of the two theories do you accept?" "As a scientific man, the latter; but, as a true Mohammedan, the former," was his contradictory, but characteristic reply. If the mind of an inquiring and partially enlightened man be thus enthralled, where must poor *woman* stand in their midst, degraded and of no account as she is deemed. We have been led to feel how important it is to have a Bible-reader, especially for this class of women, and earnestly desire that your Society would send the means to employ one.

CESAREA, TURKEY.

Reports from a Bible Reader, under the care of MRS. W. H. GILES, *Turkey, and sup. by Band,* WILLING WORKERS, *at East Avon, N. Y.*

MARIAM'S REPORT—NIGDEH.

October 6th, 1867.—First conversation near the school in the house of a dyer on keeping the Sabbath holy. More then ten women were present, none of whom were able to read. They were thankful for the visit.

January 15th, 1868.—In the house of the jeweller, met the wife and daughter of the principal Armenian priest, and for three or four hours conversed and argued on the superstitions of the Armenian Church. Four women were present, but none could read. On hearing the conversation they exclaimed, Aferim ! being equivalent to, Bravo !

February 15th.—In the house of Hadje Enishta had a conversation three or four times. One woman said, "My husband was much opposed to the Gospel, but since listening to the truth has greatly changed for the better. Out of three women, one has begun to learn to read.

March 31st.—In the house of a man who professes to be Protestant, Mariam instructed them in their duty to each other and their children. Finally they said, "If you will come now and then to talk with us, it will be well, for you have given us comfort." After prayer, separated.

April 2nd.—At Hadje Agha's house seven women were present, and a little child who was sick. They told Mariam this was the effect of witchcraft, but she explained that there was no such thing and said, "For example, we will say, let such a man be rich, will our saying so make any difference ?" They confessed she was right and invited her to come in the evening with her husband and talk to their husbands.

April 5th.—On Sabbath read the Bible and explained it to twelve persons. One woman who was much opposed, said, "You have no baptism, nor Lord's supper." Read her many proofs to show that these did not purchase salvation, to which she was able to make no reply.

April 7th.—Talked with ten women, one the wife of one of

the brethren. Her friends are anxious to have her child baptized in the Armenian Church, but she remains firm, and wishes Mariam to visit her often that she may gain courage.

April 17th.—Talked with twenty five persons, one a Mussulman woman who said, "I love riches very much." Mariam showed her that riches were a great snare and temptation to sin, and that if God gave them to us, we should use them for his glory, but if not, we should not covet what he has given to others." She seemed greatly surprised.

April 21st.—Talked with eleven persons, and went with them to the house of one of the brethren, and there read Isaiah, 45th Chapter. On reading the verse, "The Lord alone is my Saviour and there is none else," one woman said, "That is what we believe;" but Mariam showed her that they prayed to the saints, but she still declared that she believed in God only.

INDIA.

Translation of NARAINEE'S *Letter, supported by a friend in Princeton, N. J.*

From the time that I was appointed to teach I have tried to teach well; the girls, also, are very attentive, and many come to learn daily; they are as happy to learn as I am desirous of teaching.

In the first class, one girl reads "Rudiments of Knowledge" in Bengali, and "Peep of Day." In the second class, are two girls reading Second Bengali Primer. In the third class, nine girls read First Bengali Primer.

Mrs. Nichols comes once a week to examine them, and talk to them about religion and other things. In my zenanas the women are very attentive, and are reading the following books: "Bostos Bechar or, Common Subjects, Natural History and the Gospel of Luke. Seeing their attention, I always pray to my Heavenly Father that under His blessing the seed sown may bring forth fruit, sixty and a hundred-fold; and that daily His glory may be displayed in the earth.

MEXICO.

Letter from the Mexican Bible-Reader.

Miss Rankin, who superintends her labors, writes:

MEXICO, MONTEREY, *April 10th*, 1868.

The letter I enclose is one I received from your Bible-reader "Chona." I am sure the ladies who support her will be pleased with the spirit expressed, and I trust will be encouraged to continue their aid to the Mexican women, who are laboring so earnestly to extend the Gospel among their benighted country-people.

CADAREYTA, *March 23rd*, 1868.

MY DEAR SISTERS IN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST,—I received the donation which you sent to assist me, for which I thank you and all my sisters in our Lord who bear me in mind. In all my prayers, I include all the saints who live humbly in the Gospel. I am filled with joy to see the great progress in the love and knowledge of our Lord which there is in this town, through the preaching of the Gospel. I have not ceased to read to them in the Bible and admonish them, urging them to believe the Gospel and to persevere unto the end, that they may be saved, as St. Matthew says, chap. 24, v. 13. Since the Lord had mercy on me, that I might understand the Scriptures, I have not omitted to announce His holy Word with great pleasure, "instant in and out of season." Many salutations to all the saints, and may the peace of God be with us all. C. RECTERIA.

Joining the Ends of the Earth.

A telegraphic dispatch from Calcutta, by the way of England and the Atlantic cable, was recently received in New York in a little over two days. In this binding together of distant lands, and Christian and heathen nations, by the rapid interchange of thought and interest, may we not behold with faith's eye the dawn of the promised day, when "The Lord shall be King over all the earth; in that day shall there be one Lord, and his name one."—Zech. xiv. 9.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

Quarterly Meeting.

The October meeting of the Society was held at the house of the President, at which were present Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Gracey, of the Methodist Mission, Seetapore, India. Also, Mrs. Bonney, one of the missionaries appointed for China. The opening exercises were conducted by Rev. Mr. Gracey, who afterwards addressed the meeting. He said:

I go to the Bazaar to preach, and there gathers around me a crowd of, perhaps, hundreds of men and boys, but not a woman is to be seen among them. May be, on the outskirts of the crowd, one or two low-caste women may venture to stop, but they approach no nearer. I go into a shop; the man and his wife, and perhaps his daughter, are there; I may speak with the man of religion and of Christ, but not with the woman. I go to call upon a gentleman; as soon as my name is announced, word is sent through the house that a gentleman has come, and the women all retire to their apartments and I see nothing of them. I go to one of the Melas or great Fairs, and press my way for miles through dense throngs of people, until I arrive where the festivities are held; women are there as well as men—women of high as well as of low caste, though the former are carefully shut up in their palanquins; I take my stand and commence preaching, but not a woman comes with the crowd around me. And so it is with all the labors of the missionary; he fails to reach the millions of women in this vast country. How, then, are they to be reached? Orphanages have been established, and with a great degree of success; bazaar schools, also, have been opened, but these reach only girls of low caste. How, then, is the work to be accomplished? The reply comes from the missionaries of to-day, through the length and breadth of India: It is by female agency—by opening schools in the homes or zenanas, where only the female teacher can go.

Mr. Gracey then gave a brief statement of the manner in which the money sent out by the Philadelphia Branch of our Society had been expended for Bible-readers, beautifully illustrating the glorious results which may be expected from this quiet, unobtrusive labor, by the rich harvest of beauty which noiselessly bursts forth, under the gentle influence of dew and sun and shower.

As a proof of the silent, yet sure effect of missionary labor, he cited the instances of two communities, where the missionary had found sects who claimed that the religion which he preached was their religion. On examination, it was found that, in some way, a copy of the Christian Bible had been brought among them, and that, from the study of this, they had been guided by the Spirit of God to such an understanding of its truths, as led them to cast aside their idols and worship the one God which it revealed.

In closing, Mr. Gracey said: I visited, at one time, those vast ruins of the Capital of the Mogul Empire, which to-day are the wonder and admiration of the traveller, notwithstanding the ravages of three hundred years. As I passed out from their mighty shadows the words of Heber arose to my mind: "These Hindoos worked like giants and finished like jewellers." Yes, yes, I thought; that is to be our motto in rearing the structure of Christianity in this land. We, the men, are to work like giants, laying deep and broad its foundations and rearing high and wide its walls. But when, for the beautifying of the structure, we wish to set here the diamond, there the emerald, here the ruby, there the sapphire, we shall look to you, Christian women, to be the jewellers. C. V. R.

We had hoped by this time to have received the news of the arrival in India of Miss Wilson, who sailed from Boston July 6th, in the *Geo. H. Warren*, in company with Rev. Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Smith, missionaries returning to

their field of labor in India. A prayer meeting was held by the Boston Branch of our Society the Sabbath before she sailed.

Albany Auxiliary.

For many years Mrs. R. W. Clark, has been a collector for the Woman's Union Missionary Society, and several ladies of this city have been liberal donors. The fact that Mrs. Bonney, so well and favorably known as a former resident of Albany and a successful missionary in Canton, China, proposed to return to her former field of labor under the auspices of the Society, afforded an opportunity to invite the general co-operation of ladies. A union meeting was held in the Sabbath-School room of the North Ref. Church, on the last Tuesday in October.

The devoted President of the Society, Mrs. T. C. Doremus, was present and gave a most interesting sketch of its formation, growth, and method of operation.

Mrs. Bonney's carefully written statements were intensely interesting. Her conviction of the teachable and affectionate nature of the Chinese women and girls, gained by ten years labor among them, is very encouraging.

Miss Douw's subsequent consecration of herself extended the interest through the large circle to whom she is related bythe triple ties of friendship, consanguinity and Christian fellowship.

A meeting held in November, at the residence of Mrs. Howard Townsend, was enthusiastic in spirit and numbers, and evinced a hearty interest in the American Mission Home, about being established in China. An Auxiliary Society was formed then, Mrs. Rufus W. Clark being elected President, Mrs. J. Elmendorf, Secretary, Mrs. Fred. Townsend, Treasurer. Miss Adams, having also been appointed by the Society to join this little band of missionaries, Albany will have three representatives at the Home in Pekin. Three of our households have yielded heart treasures for Christ's work. Is their one that will refuse some precious gift?

Mrs. J. ELMENDORF, *Secretary.*

Over-Work of Missionaries' Wives.

THE missionary, Dr. William Dean, has said: "The cause of this mortality in the wives of missionaries cannot be found in any peculiar insalubrity of climate in China, where the people enjoy good health, and reach, often, old age. There is also less mortality among missionaries than among their wives, showing that the climate is not peculiarly hostile to foreigners. After years of study and a personal observation of the practical working of this matter in various stations of the East, the writer is of the opinion, that the cause is chargeable to that public sentiment which expects of a missionary's wife more than it is possible for her to perform. When a pastor's wife in this country, under the invigorating influences of her native climate, and surrounded by the usages and appliances of life, shall have attended to the duties of her household, sympathised with and encouraged her husband in his work, given a kind word of counsel and encouragement to the female members of his flock, and superintended the religious meetings and social gatherings peculiarly belonging to her own sex; it is not reasonably expected, that she will superadd to all these the work of learning the German language, and teaching a school of German children, or writing and distributing tracts in the German language. Still, this would be comparatively a light task to that imposed by the common expectations of the churches upon the wives of their missionaries among the heathen. It is very generally supposed that these women are to go to India, Siam, or China, and in a foreign climate, with foreign customs and a foreign language, to do that which no one would ever think of attempting to do in the land of their nativity. The woman who performs well her duties as a missionary's wife, performs the work of no mean mission. There is in China appropriate work for *single female laborers*. When we think of the small number of missionaries who have made an impression upon the multitudes of Chinese, the doctrines of the Gospel recognized by the people and tolerated by government, we may well exclaim "What hath God wrought!"

MISSION BAND DEPARTMENT.

The Religion of One-Third of the World.

One of the purest heathen religions is that of the Bhuddists. They are really Atheists, because they do not believe in any God, and think the world came by chance. They fancy that, at first, everything was in a miserable state, and only arrived by slow degrees at perfection. For instance, they say that men, animals and trees were once deformed, and have gradually improved; and still more, that all things, even stones, have souls. When we die, they believe we pass into another world and enjoy either great happiness or misery, before we return to it again. In the other world there are beings called *Nats*, something like our fairies, who have once been men, and who may return to earth as a fish or reptile, unless they have performed good works. The highest happiness, which few attain, is utter annihilation. Three great teachers have become annihilated, and are called *Budha*.

You will ask what are they? Well, these people believe that once in several millions of years, a man arises who has passed through thousands of different forms, and been very good. When he has grown to be a man, he retires into a desert for some years, and after writing down his experience, he begins to teach men, and soon has a multitude of disciples. When he at last dies he ceases to exist, and yet, although the people know this, and that he never can help them, still they pray and worship him.

When the people begin to forget the instructions of this Budha, then another appears. The last one, whose name is Gaudama, they say has been dead twenty thousand years, and they worship him under the form of a

tall, mild-looking man. They make images of him in great variety, but the most common are those in which he is sitting cross-legged, with his right hand in front of him, as though he were teaching his disciples.

All their pagodas or places of worship, are built over something which has once belonged to him, and have thus become very sacred. Sometimes it is a hair, or a tooth, or an old comb, or drinking vessel, which he used. As he is worshiped by nearly one-third of the human race, perhaps you would like to hear me tell you

The Story of Gaudama.

Gaudama had lived many hundreds of thousands of years as different animals or men, until, at last, he was enjoying great happiness in the sixth heaven. One day a prophet Nat told him it was appointed for him to return to the earth, and become a great teacher or Bhuda. He also could choose what condition in life he would prefer to be born in. He decided he would be born as a great prince; and, as Nats can see what is going on in the world, he then selected a king for his father. It was announced in a dream to the wife of the king, that she was to be the mother of the new Bhuda, who should be the most glorious one that had ever appeared in this world.

You must notice what things they have taken from the Bible. When this announcement was made, many most wonderful things occurred. A most splendid light appeared, such as had never been seen before. The blind, being anxious to see this great being, recovered their sight; the deaf heard every sound; the dumb spoke with ease; the lame walked; prisoners saw their fetters unlocked, and the fires of hell were for a time extinguished. The mission of a Budha is that of a Saviour, or the deliverance from suffering of all who listen to his instructions. He is distinguished from all beings by his love for every living thing, and denial of self for the happiness of others.

When Gaudama was a few days old, an aged man came to his father's palace and blessed the infant, foretelling that he would

become a Budha when he was thirty-five years old, and that he would live forty years afterwards, and be worshiped as a God. At the age of eighteen he made a great display of his superior attainments before all the wise men of the time. Before he could become a great teacher, it was necessary that he should renounce all the pleasures of this world. His father wished him to be a great king, and, therefore, he was surrounded by earthly temptation, to make him love the delights of this world and forget his high destiny.

The remainder of his history I will give you at some future time.

Dear young friends, have not these heathen some idea of what Christ our Saviour was, the great Deliverer who gave his life for others? I think that shortly after Jesus appeared on earth, some man who had heard of Him, set himself up as a great teacher, and, like Mohammed, mingled with it a great deal of what was false. The doctrines, being purer, were adopted, and after his death he was worshiped as a teacher.

These poor, ignorant heathen, think the highest distinction is to be a teacher to others, exceeding the honor of being either a king or prince. Oh! that you, dear young friends, would feel that your greatest glory would be to lead some poor sinner to the Truth, even as it is in Jesus.

Reports from Mission Bands.

We extract from the letter of Mrs. O. N. Benton, a sketch of the formation and success of the Mission Band "Lily of the Valley," at Binghamton, N. Y., hoping it will encourage many others to "go and do likewise:"

"When we met with eight young ladies in early summer, and rehearsed the old, sad story of woman's degradation and life of entire seclusion in heathen lands, and also what the Woman's Union Missionary Society was doing for them, they voted unani-

mously to form a mission band. They named it "Lily of the Valley," from the coincidence of each one wearing a spray of that flower. It was decided to have a parlor fair. Our numbers gradually increased, and we believe that while busy fingers wrought the beautiful articles which decorated our tables, prayer ascended from their hearts for the Divine blessing. We trust the aroma of these 'lilies of the valley' ascended to heaven, and that the great 'All Father' could say to each one, as we did, 'well done.' We decided to devote the $200 which we realized to the mission about to be opened in China."

Miss Dover, secretary of the Mission Band "Willing Workers," East Avon, N. Y., writes:

"Enclosed you will find a draft for $65, the proceeds of the labors of the Band for the past year. One of our number (Miss Linda Dana) has been lately taken from us by death. The cause of missions lay very near her heart, and I sometimes think the success of our little Band is due to her prayers."

Miss Johnstone, superintending the Mission Band "Helping Hands," at Washington Heights, gives us the following:

"Our Band is indeed giving us cause for encouragement, the interest is increasing so much, and our number is added to almost weekly. Many grown persons have joined us, and meet to assist and direct the young in their work. We have some members no older than three years, and useful they are too. Charlie F., about that age, sent us $5 which he had obtained simply by asking his friends, and his brother Willie sent us $2. Another little one, Emma B., earned $5 by the manufacture and sale of little needle-cushions, etc. We see, indeed, 'There is no little child too small to work for God.'"

New Mission Bands.

We welcome, with joy, many new bands whose gleanings have lately given proof of their hearty interest. Among them are the

"*Englewood*" mission band, formed by Mrs. J. H. Dwight, in Englewood, N. J.

"*Ministering Children*," superintended by Mrs. W. Greenough, in Logansport, Ind.

"*Page*," band, at Wolcott, N. Y., the President of whom is Miss G. Chipman.

"*Nannie Rankin*," band, at Henderson, Ky., under the care of Miss L. H. Hopkins.

"*Barnes*," named for a missionary, and "*Pleasant Grove*" bands, in Springfield, Ky., who desire to support a little child with these joint contributions.

"*Ray of Promise*," in the same place, in memory of a sainted wife.

"*Star of Bethlehem*," in Louisville, Ky., under the charge of Miss Ella Warren.

"*New London*," at New London, Conn.

"*Passaic Wild-Flowers*," is the suggestive name of another, at Chatham, N. J., whose leader sends us "fifty dollars, a portion of the results of a fair, which they would like to have appropriated for zenana work in India."

"*Belvidere*," band, at Belvidere, Ill., has just sent its first contribution.

"*Mizpah*," at Lewisberg, Penn., is in charge of Miss S. L. Fevre.

"*Paradise*," at Paradise, Penn.

"*Water-Cure*," at Cleveland, O., superintended by Mrs. W. H. Prince.

"*Ossining*," at Ossining Institute, N. Y., Miss Van Vleck, superintendent.

"*Earnest Workers*," in charge of Mrs. Leslie Irving.

"*Miss Dwight's School*," in Brooklyn, under care of Miss M. A. Dwight.

"*Gospel Messengers*," Miss E. L. Smith the leader.

"*In Memoriam of Mrs. Mary E. Munger*," under charge of loving ones who desire to support a Bible-reader at Satara, India where a faithful messenger of the Gospel yielded her life a willing sacrifice, on the altar of missions.

Receipts from September 22d to December 29th, 1868.

Auxiliaries and Mission Bands.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Concord, Concord Union Missionary Society. $172 15
"Penacook" Band. 13 46
"Kearsage." 10 63
"Echoes." 1 00
All for Life Memberships of *Mrs. Dorcas Stickney* and *Mrs. Samuel Utley*, per Miss I. Minot, Treas. $197 24

MASSACHUSETTS.

Boston, Boston Auxiliary, Mrs. A. E. Hovey, Treas., viz: A Friend in Boston, $35; A friend, Miss M., $5; Subscriptions for Link, $11 50; "Pauline" Band, $20; Memberships, $67 50. $139 00

CONNECTICUT.

New London, Mission Band, per Miss Brainard. 45 00
Saybrook, "Saybrook Band," per Mrs. Henry Hart. 30 00

$75 00

NEW YORK.

Auburn, Santa Fé Association by Mrs. F. L. Griswold, of which from Mrs. Theodore Case, $30; A friend at Auburn, $50; Santa Fé Fund, $4; all to aid in defraying Miss Gaston's expenses to Santa Fé. 84 00
Batavia, "Dorcmus" Band, for support of "Katie Fisher," Midnapore, India, per Miss Mettie Buxton, Sec. 100 00
Binghamton, "Lilies of the Valley," per Mrs. O. N. Benton, for Mrs. Bonney. 200 00
Brooklyn, "Epiphany Memorial," Christ Church, including $12 18, "a precious legacy," per Miss S. D. White. 32 18
"Coll. Dept. of Packer Institute for 1865," in addition, per Miss Mary Bradshaw. 4 00
"Coll. Dept. of Packer Institute for 1869," per Miss E. J. Smith. 30 00
"Gospel Messengers," 1st Pres. ch. per Miss E. L. Smith. $20 00
"Memorial Band," per Miss Hotchkiss. 20 00
"Miss Dwight's School Band," per Miss Dwight, including $2 for Link. 22 00
Elmira, Elmira Female College, in addition, to constitute *Miss E. Harriet Stanwood* L. M., per Miss Lydia Howell. 16 00
Le Roy, Le Roy Auxiliary, to constitute *Miss Emily M. Noyes* L. M., per Miss Whiting. 41 00
New York City, "Murray Hill Mite Society," per Mrs. B. B. Atterbury. 20 00
"Band of Hope," per Mrs. W. S. Mikels, including $20 from Mrs. D. Somers. 26 50
Bible Class of 34th st. Ref. ch. per Miss Helen M. Hall, for girls in Mexico, in gold. 30 00
"Hitchcock" Band, Mrs. Charles Fanning, Treas. for Miss Higby. 66 00
"Buds of Promise," per Miss A. Van Wagenen, for mission work under Miss Hook 175 00
"Snowflake" Band," Miss Gertie Knowlton. 10 00
Owego, "Phelps Band," F. E. Platt, Esq., Supt. 25 00
"Sasanah Band," Miss C. Pompelly, for China. 20 00
Poughkeepsie, Society of Religious Inquiry of Vassar College, Miss Mary H. Norris, Treas. 41 67
Schenectady, "Kaminee Seal," per Miss Fannie E. Paige. 21 80
Union, "Keeler" Band, to constitute *Mrs. Lewis Keeler* L. M., and for China, per Miss Ella Keeler. 20 00
Washington Heights, "The Little Charitables," per Mrs. Grinnell, 4th quarterly payment, for child. 10 00
"Helping Hands," to con-

stitute *Mrs. John C. Lamson* L. M., per Miss Johnstone. $50 00

$1085 15

NEW JERSEY.

Bridgeton, "Rose Bud Band," per Miss R. D. James. 7 00

Chatham, "Passaic Wild Flowers," proceeds of Fair, per Miss Sarah Wallace. 50 00

Elizabeth, Elizabeth Auxiliary, Miss H. M. McKnight, Treas. 8 78

Englewood, "Englewood" Band, per Mrs. James H. Dwight. 20 00

Trenton, St. Michael's S. S. per Mrs. Dr. Buttolph. 20 00

$105 78

PENNSYLVANIA.

Philadelphia, Phila. Branch, viz; for "Margaret," Bible-reader at Dehra, India, $100; Reader at Calcutta, from ladies at Germantown, $100; Bible-readers under Mrs. Bennett, Rangoon, Burmah, $200; Bible-reader at Shanghai, under Mrs. E. H. Thomson, $100; Girl's school under Mrs. R. W. Wilder, Kolapoor, $100. 600 00

Towards salaries of missionaries in Calcutta, $400; For Missionary Link, $100.; Girl's school under Mrs. J. G. Binney, Maulmain, Burmah, $100. 600 00

Williamsport, "Brainerd Band," per Mrs. B. W. Thomson. 12 00

$1212 00

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Washington, New York ave. Church Band, per Mrs. W. L. Waller. $28 25

OHIO.

Cleveland, "Water Cure Band," per a Friend, one-half payment for support of a child under Miss Hook, Calcutta, and 1 for Link. $26 00

KENTUCKY.

Henderson, "Nannie Rankin Band," per Miss L. H. Hopkins, for support of "Lallie Sullivant," in Maulmain, Burmah. $20 00

Louisville, "Humphrey" per Miss Hattie DuPont. 1 00

"Light of Bethlehem," Miss Ella Warren. 20 50

"Laura Love Memorial," per Mrs. John A. Miller. 20 00

Springfield, "Ray of Promise," Mr. Hugh McElroy, to cons. MRS. H. J. BROWNE, L. M., and for support of "Susan McElroy" in Pekin. 50 00

"Barnes Band," per Mrs. H. J. Browne, $46 50, and "Pleasant Grove Band," Miss Lizzie Cozine, $20, for support of "Mittie Green" in Dehra India, and to cons. *Mrs. Sallie Barnes* Life Member, for Link, $1, and for gifts to mission children $5. 72 50

$184 00

ILLINOIS.

Belvidere, "Belvidere Band," per Mrs. O. Curtis, for China. 20 50

South Belvidere, "Hopeful Helper," per Miss Nannie S. Russell. 4 00

Chicago, "Olivet" Band, per Mrs. M. A. Merriman, of which $150 is the result of a Parlor Fair. 170 00

"A Band of Sisters," for Bible-reader in Calcutta $100, and for Bible-reader in Yang Chow, China, $100 200 00

"Swazey Band," per Mrs. Ed. Fry, for a child in Turkey 67 65

Galesburg, "Prairie Gleaners," Miss Lizzie Clark, Treas., for Bible Reader under Mrs. Doolittle, China. 58 10

Rockford, "Forest City," to constitute *Mrs. Sabine* L. M., and for support of "Mary Sabine" and a Bible-reader in China, per Mrs. Ralph Emerson. 130 0

"Forest Hill Seminary

Band," per Miss Anna P. Sill. $20 00

$670 25

WISCONSIN.

Baraboo, "Baraboo Union" per Miss A. A. Kimball. $43 00

IOWA.

Mt. Pleasant, "Western Harvest Mission Band," for Bible-reader, per Miss Clarinda Wilkins. $12 50

Total from Auxiliaries and Mission Bands. $3778 17

Other Contributions.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Portsmouth, collected by Mrs. H. C. Knight, through Mrs. Dr. Clark, Albany. $20 00

MASSACHUSETTS.

Ashfield, Miss Clarissa Hall collector, through Miss Lyman, New Haven. 25 00

Dorchester, Mrs. Elbridge Torrey. 5 00

Mrs. Walter Baker. 100 00

$130 00

CONNECTICUT.

Canton Centre, S. S. per Gaylord Barber, Esq. $11 00

NEW YORK.

Albany, Mrs. Rev. Dr. Clark collected for the China Mission. $202 50

S. S. of North Reformed Church. 100 00

Collection in North Ref'd Ch. to Cons. *Dr. and Mrs. Rufus W. Clark and Mr. Van Zant*, Life Members 150 00

Collection, per Mrs. Fred. Townsend. 44 34

Mrs. Stephen Van Rensselaer, L. M. for Bible-reader in China. 70 00

Mrs. E. W. Rathbone, for Bible-reader. 100 00

Mrs. McClure, in memoriam of Mr. Wm. I. Pohlman (only son of a Missionary), who died gallantly in his country's service at Gettysburg. $30 00

Rev. Joachim Elmendorf, for freight to Pekin. 20 25

Brooklyn, Miss C. Smithers, collector (of which $2 was acknowledged in July Link), including $20 from Mrs. A. S. Barnes, Sub'r. 19 00

Mrs. S. B. Chittenden, sub'r 20 00

Mrs. Calvin Adams col. 20 00

Mrs. R. L. Wyckoff, col. of which, for Links $3. 41 00

Mrs. G. W. Kendall, col 38 00

Miss A. M. Wescott, col. 21 50

Miss C. Woodruff, col. 36 00

Miss S. D. White, col. 52 00

Mrs. C. L. Mitchell, col. 57 00

Miss M. Brittan, including from Mrs. Austin $5, Mrs. Edey $5, Mrs. Thrall $1, Mrs. Crane $1, Mrs Kumel $1, Mrs. Dana $1. By Mrs. H. Carman $7 75, by Glen Cove S. S. $4 51. Miss M. Brittan $3 74. 30 00

Mrs. Isaac N. Judson sub. 30 00

Mrs. E. C. Wilcox, including from Miss Jane Ward $20, Mrs. E. C. Wilcox $20, Mrs. A. Shepard, Canton Centre $3, and Mrs Burt $2. 59 00

Elmira, Mrs. M. A. Sanborn, including from Mrs. M. Wey $10, & Mrs. Dan. Pratt $10. 23 00

Marathon, Miss Bouton and Miss Roe. 10 00

New York City, Miss S. D. Doremus, subr. 20 00

Mrs. T. C. Doremus sub'r 25 00

Mrs. Wm. H. Wells, col. including from Mrs. A. H. Barney $5, Mrs. Chas. E. Whitehead $5, Mrs. Dow $3, Mrs. W. H. Wells $5, Mrs. Andrew Wesson $5, and for Links $2 50. 25 50

Mrs. Samuel A. Church, per Mrs. T. C. Doremus. 3 00

Stewart Brown, Esq. 50 00

Mrs. Stewart Brown. 50 00

Mrs. Peter Palmer, col'r. 30 00

Mrs. D. J. Ely and Miss Mary Ely, being one-half of salary of Bible-reader, in memoriam of Mrs. M. E. Mun-

ger, Satara, Western India.	$48 00
Mrs. Wm. H. Muun.	5 00
The Misses Halsted sub'rs	20 00
Mrs. D. P. Reisch, per Mrs. T. C Doremus.	5 50
Mrs. W. G. Lyon col.	31 00
Mrs. C. P. Turnbull.	50 00
Mrs. Wm. E. Dodge, sub'n for 1867 and 1868,	40 00
Mrs. G. Griswold, per Mrs. T. C. Doremus, for China.	20 00
Miss E. J. Connor col.	24 25
Miss Julia Mills col.	36 00
Mrs. I.	100 00
Miss Mary A. Gardner col.	20 00
"Donator," per Miss S. D. Doremus.	20 00
Oppenheim Centre, Misses H. and C. A. Cline.	1 00
Owego, *Mrs. Theodore Frelinghuysen*, L. M., for China.	50 00
Scotchtown, Miss Jennie Comfort, including $4 from Mrs. Atwater.	8 00
	$1,855 84

NEW JERSEY.

Bridgeton, Miss Julia L. Nichols, col.	$ 8 00
Bergen City, Mrs. Walter Storm and others, per Mrs. C. T. Lewis.	5 00
Elizabeth, Mrs. A. P. Dodge, per Mrs. T. C. Doremus.	20 00
Newark, Mrs. W. H. Woodruff, col.	25 00
Mrs. Theo. H. Smith, including $10 from T. H. Smith, Esq.	30 00
New Brunswick, Miss E. S. Voorhees col.	4 00
	$92 00

PENNSYLVANIA.

Germantown, Miss E. Clement col. for Bible-reader in Cal. and for support of Miss Brittan's Normal school	$130 25
Mrs. Geo. W. Toland, per Mrs. A. N Steever.	5 00
Lewisburg, Young Ladies' Missionary Soc., University Female Ins., per Miss E. M. Peckham.	15 50
	$150 75

DELAWARE.

Nemours, Miss Victorine E. du Pont, col.	$42 00
New Castle, "An advent offering from a few members of Immanuel Church for the Zenanas," per Miss N. J. Stockton.	20 50
Wilmington, Ladies, per Mrs. Dr. R. P. Johnson, Treas.	35 00
	$97 50

DIST. OF COLUMBIA.

Washington, Mrs. J. E. Hulburd, sub'r.	$20 00

ILLINOIS.

Charter Oak, Sunday School, per Miss J. P. Moore.	$1 50
Chicago, Mrs. P. A. Avery col. for Bible-reader in Satara $20, from Mrs. Oliver Ely $2.50. Mrs. H. W. Clark $1, Miss Quinlan $1, Mrs. Enos Ayres $10, Miss M. E. Horton $5, Mrs. Fred. Crumbaugh $2, Mrs. E. C. Underhill $1, Mrs. J. Q. Adams $2, Mrs. A. R. Gray $4, for Links $10.25.	58 75
Mrs. C. P. Buckingham, Life Member, for China.	50 00
	$110 25

MICHIGAN.

Jonesville, Mrs. E O. Grosvenor	10 00

WISCONSIN.

Broadhead, Mrs. Clinton, per Mrs. M. A. Cole.	$1 00

CALIFORNIA.

Columbia, Mrs. A. M. Dealey, per Mrs. Hubbard, including $1 30 prem. on gold	$4 30
Subscriptions for Missionary Link.	35 25
Mrs. Woodruff, for bound volumes.	3 00
U. S. Coupon $30. gold at 149 per cent.	42 00
Total other Contrib's	$2,582 89
Total from Auxiliaries and Mission Bands.	3,778 17
	$6,361 06

Donations for Missionaries and Articles for Mission Boxes will be noticed in the Annual Report.

Communications from the Philadelphia Branch.

The General Society has carried forward zenana teaching in Calcutta so earnestly, and with such success, as to prove the great worth of this Union Mission. "The Branch" has been chiefly engaged in sustaining native Bible-readers and assisting Girls' schools, as the brief missionary correspondence we have room for, will show. We have now greater demands for aid than ever before. We make appropriations to the following-named missions: Dehra, India, to Miss Beatty: Rangoon, Burmah, to Mrs. Bennett, and Mrs. Binney: Lucknow, India, to Mrs. Gracie: Maulmain, Burmah, to Miss Haswell: Shanghai, China, to Mrs. Thompson: Kolapoor, India, to Mrs. Wilder: Calcutta, to Miss Biittan.

LUCKNOW, INDIA.

Extract of a letter from MRS. GRACIE.

PHILADELPHIA, *Dec.* 1, 1868.

On account of ill health, I was compelled last November, to leave the work in Northern India to which we have given our time and attention, with heavy hearts, hoping to be absent but a short time. You will be pleased to know that the donations of your Society from time to time have enabled us to carry on a work which has been productive of great and, I trust, lasting good.

We have employed one or two Bible-readers, who have visited a great number of women in their homes, and who have read and explained to them the Scriptures. In many instances, large schools have resulted from their visitations.

In the city of Lucknow, where the zenana work is developing in such a wonderful manner, we have been enabled, through your kindness, largely to increase our work there, and now there are openings on every side among all classes of people.

A friend engaged in the work there writes: "We have had trouble and change in our zenana work, but now it is improving.

We have a large building for our schools; the numbers are daily increasing, and the door is open for religious instruction. God has so far prospered and blessed the efforts made, and I am now more than ever hopeful of success. We teach the Bible and its doctrines, and do what we can to lead the pupils to Christ. We need money so much, that I trust the ladies of Philadelphia will continue their donations."

On my journey home I stopped in Calcutta for a week or two, and had the pleasure of spending a few hours with Miss Brittan at the "American Home." I also went out with her, and saw something of her work. I can testify that Miss Brittan, and the ladies associated with her, are devoted to their work, and are accomplishing a great deal of good; and I am sure if the friends, who so liberally give to your Society, could see what your agents are accomplishing among the benighted women of India, their hearts would be open to do even more.

RANGOON, BURMAH.

Information of MRS. BENNETT.

"Mrs. Bennett continues the care of Bible-readers and the little school for learners, as far as means will go. And whatever sum is placed in her hands is applied with a heart full of devotion to raising women to their proper sphere in that still dark land."

SHANGHAI, CHINA.

Extracts from the letter of MRS. THOMPSON.

July, 1868.—We consider the dispensary as one of the best means for reaching the women that we have ever tried. On fine days, we generally have about 150 women. They assemble in the chapel while the men are being attended to in the dispensary building. The place is not large enough for both men and women. Our two Bible-readers are generally in the chapel at these times, and read and talk with all who come in. My husband preaches to each congregation; first to the women—then to the men—on each day.

I had a very large attendance on Sunday afternoon at my Bible-class. One of Mrs. Jenkins' Bible-readers (a most earnest, zealous woman) came and brought her mother and daughter and five other women. Hers is a very interesting case. She first became pious herself, and then persuaded her old mother to become a believer in Jesus; now her whole household is Christian. One of these women whom she brought was a strict Budhist, and abstained, as their rule is, from all animal food. But she has given up repeating their classics (as she expressed it) so that she has forgotten them. Instead of the vain repetition of the heathen, she repeated the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the first three commandments, and seemed to think it was a more excellent way. Oh, for more zealous native women to go among these villages and seek out these famishing souls. They do not care for their heathenism, and would, I am sure, soon adopt Christianity, if its truths were only set clearly before their minds.

MAULMAIN, BURMAH.

Extracts from a letter of Miss Haswell.

August 15, 1868.

Last Sabbath four of the children belonging to this school professed their faith in Christ by baptism. Another one would have been baptized also, but for the opposition of her parents. I feel that I have much reason for gratitude that I have been permitted so soon to see so many of the children brought to the Saviour.

The Bible-woman has several times spoken hopefully of a young woman whom she has visited very often; and this week she reports the girl as being very much in earnest concerning her soul's salvation, and we hope it will not be long before she will receive Christ as her Saviour.

BIBLE-WOMAN'S CONVERSION.

When she was quite a little child she one day asked her mother where men, birds and other living things came from. Her mother replied, "My child, before this world or anything that we can see was, there was a great God who never grew old, nor sick, nor died. He created everything, and at first when men were good,

He lived with them in the earth, but after a time, men grew wicked, and then the great God would not stay with them, but went far away."

A native Christian preacher came to the village where she lived, and preached to the people, beginning with the story of the Creation. As soon as she heard it, her mother's words rushed into her mind, she believed all she heard, and ere long became a Christian.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

MISSION BANDS.

We would urge upon all those who have the charge of Bible-classes the advantage of forming Mission Bands. Accounts of the organization and progress of the great mission work can be obtained from the President or Corresponding Secretary.

We believe that the Christian ladies of Philadelphia are awaking to the untold importance of this work, and have received the the following encouraging letter:

"MISS S. A. SCULL,—DEAR MADAM:—I write to inform you that my Bible-class of young ladies connected with the Old Pine Street Church (Presbyterian), has formed itself into a Mission Band according to the directions of the W. U. M. Society. They take the name that is already theirs as a class, "Workers for Jesus."

The cause is one that should enlist the sympathy and support of every Christian woman.

I hope and pray that all our countrywomen may become engaged in the noble work of elevating their sex in heathen lands, into that liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free."

MRS. S. J. HALE, *President.*
MISS S. A. SCULL, *Cor. Sec.*

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" Shanghai, China, " " " " J. R. Thompson.
" Calcutta, India, " " " Miss Brittan.

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Two Karen girls, under the care of Mrs. J. G. Binney, Rangoon, India.
Girls' in School, Kolapoor, India, under the care of Mrs. R. W. Wilder.
A girl, under the care of Mrs. Van Meter, Bassein, Burmah.
Girls' in School, Maulmain, Burmah, under the care of Miss Haswell.

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Receipts of Philadelphia Branch of Woman's Union Missionary Society,

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Mrs. Richard S. Smith,	1 00
Mrs. Jay Cooke, donation collected by Miss Clements,	20 00
Mrs. T. J. Diehl, collected by Miss Wetherill,	1 00
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The Young Ladies of Miss Anable's School, collected by Miss Anable,	23 35
Mrs. John Hanna, collected by Miss Patten,	5 00
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" Wm. Springs, "	1 00
" H. B. Lincoln, "	1 00
" J. Brosius, "	1 00
" Wm. Whitaker, "	1 00
" R. Shoemaker, "	1 00
" M. A. Pearson, "	1 00
" Henry Budd, "	1 00
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Miss Barnes, coll. by Miss Patten,	$1 00
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" Kate E. Solomon, "	50
Camden Society, N. J., collected by Mrs. Hurlburt,	40 00
Mountain Rill Mission Band, Allegheny county, Md., collected by Miss Mary J. Little,	15 46
Turkey Fort Baptist Church, Somerset county, Pa., collected by Miss Mary J. Little,	4 54
From Young Ladies of Cooper Seminary, Dayton, Ohio, collected by Mrs. R. S. Fullerton,	25 00
Hale Mission Band, Starke, Fla., Dr. Colamar, Secretary, collected by Mrs. Hale,	2 00
Mrs. J. L. Booth, for Links,	50
" Wm. R. Seward, Rochester, New York,	50
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"A Friend of the Cause," through Rev. J. M. Hutchison, Pastor of 10th W. P. Church, Philad'a,	20 00

The following list of articles will be acceptable gifts to send to Missionary Stations, for the use of Schools, or for sale for the purpose of aiding the "Woman's Union Missionary Society." Any gifts of this kind sent to Miss S. D. Doremus, care of Doremus and Nixon, New York, will be duly forwarded to their destination.

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Materials for Fancy Work, viz.,
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Spools of Thread.
Work Baskets.
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The "WOMAN'S UNION MISSIONARY SOCIETY" was Incorporated in New York, February 1st, 1861.

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An American Lady giving the Bible to a Heathen Woman, and the Saviour addressing her.

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I give and bequeath to the "Woman's Union Missionary Society of America," *incorporated in the City of New York, February* 1*st*, 1861, *the sum of*
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